

## PRESS RELEASE



*Public Encouraged to Attend Meeting...*

### **GDOT Seeks Public Input for the Northside Drive Corridor Study**

**ATLANTA** – The Georgia Department of Transportation is comprehensively studying SR 3/US 41/Northside Drive between the I-75 interchange and the I-20 interchange to identify potential improvements to the corridor. As a part of the study, the Georgia DOT wants to gather input from residents and commuters who live and work along the corridor.

Residents and commuters can attend the public input meeting anytime from **4 p.m., until 7 p.m., on Wednesday, November 18 at the Polygon Atlanta event venue in Atlantic Station, 264 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW #2250, Atlanta, GA 30363**. The public can give their input about improvements they would like to see along SR 3/US 41/Northside Drive. There will not be a formal presentation. Parking is free at Atlantic Station for two hours.

“Northside Drive is one of our most important state routes in Metro Atlanta. The Georgia Department of Transportation needs input from residents and commuters along the route to help study for the current and future growth of the corridor,” said Sam Samu, Georgia DOT Project Manager.

“Each area of Northside Drive has different needs. We will incorporate the input from the meetings to help plan for future projects after the study is complete and funding is made available. We encourage users of Northside Drive to attend the meeting and give their input.”

Residents and commuters who cannot attend the public input meeting on Wednesday, November 18 can email their comments to [northsidecorridor@dot.ga.gov](mailto:northsidecorridor@dot.ga.gov) or submit a written statement to:

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Georgia DOT engineers and consultants are studying current and projected traffic analysis and environmental conditions. As the study progresses, Georgia DOT engineers will continue to study the environment and begin designing various operational and safety improvements to SR 3/US 41/Northside Drive.

Northside Drive is heavily traveled corridor within the City of Atlanta. The multi-lane state route connects many neighborhoods, business, schools, historic districts, and parks.

Visit the Georgia DOT website <http://www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/NorthsideDr> to learn more about the study.

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### **Parking Instructions:**

Underground parking is free for the first 2 hours. Park on level P1, walk to stairwell 5 and take elevator to floor 2. Take a left out of the elevator then a right down the open air corridor. Polygon Atlanta is located directly above the Moe's restaurant.

### **Directions:**

#### **-MARTA:**

By train: Take the Red or Gold line to Arts Center Station. Catch the Atlantic Station Free Ride shuttle or MARTA bus #37.

By bus: Take MARTA bus #37 from Arts Center Station or from Marietta Boulevard. From Arts Center Station (going toward Marietta Boulevard) use the Atlantic Drive stop. Follow walking directions from Atlantic Drive.

From Marietta Boulevard (going toward Arts Center Station), use the State Street stop. Follow walking directions from State Street.

#### **-Atlantic Station shuttle:**

From Arts Center MARTA Station, take the Atlantic Station Free Ride shuttle to the Atlantic Drive stop. Follow walking directions from Atlantic Drive. To return to Arts Center Station, use the State Street stop. For more information, see <http://www.asfreeride.com/> (Mobile: <http://asfreeride.transloc.com/m/>).

#### **-Walking:**

From the corner of Atlantic Drive and 17<sup>th</sup> Street: Walk north on Atlantic Drive for 2 ½ blocks. Take a right across from DSW Shoes. Take the elevator or the escalator up to the second floor. Polygon Atlanta is directly above the Moe's restaurant.

From the corner of State Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Street: Cross 17<sup>th</sup> Street at the traffic light. Walk east on 17<sup>th</sup> Street one block. Turn left on Atlantic Drive. Walk north on Atlantic Drive for 2 ½ blocks. Take a right across from DSW Shoes. Take the elevator or the escalator up to the second floor. Polygon Atlanta is directly above the Moe's restaurant.

#### **-Driving:**

From Northside Drive, turn East onto 17th Street. Atlantic Station is located just over the bridge past Ikea. Go straight through the lights at Bishop Street and Village Street. Turn left at the light at State Street. Either turn right into the Parking Deck, or continue down State Street to the Valet Station on the right-hand side.

***DriveAlert ArriveAlive** calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit [www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA](http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA). #ArriveAliveGA. For more information about Georgia DOT, visit [www.dot.ga.gov](http://www.dot.ga.gov). You may follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT)) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/gadeptoftans>).*

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